

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2013
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem David Moore	Jamie Guffey, Assistant City Manager
Councilman Jerry Bishop	Greg Beal, Senior Planner
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	James Friday, Director of Utilities
Councilman J. Jason Gowen	Dale Oplinger, Fire Chief
Councilman Jim Hope	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilman Perry Toomey	Mike Santmire, Streets and Solid Waste Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	

Invocation

Reverend Jason Marlow, Pastor of Tuckaseegee Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Set the Agenda

With no additional changes Councilman Bishop made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

SWEARING –IN CEREMONY

1. Oath of Office for Councilman Jerry Bishop
Judge Caldwell administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Bishop. Councilman Bishop was accompanied by his wife holding the Bible.
2. Oath of Office for Councilman Jim Hope
Judge Caldwell administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Hope. Councilman Hope was accompanied by his wife, daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren. Councilman Hope also introduced his pastor whom led those present in a word of prayer before the swearing in.
3. Oath of Office for Councilman David Moore
Judge Caldwell administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Moore. Councilman Moore was accompanied by his daughter holding the Bible.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Liens for Clearing of Weeds and Grass
 2. Approval of Resolution for Local Water Supply Plan
 3. Approval of the 2014 Art and Music Festival
 4. Call for Public Hearing to rezone a 0.29 acre tract of land on Rose Street owned by Mount Holly Supply Company, Inc. from R-12 Single Family to B-2 Neighborhood Business
 5. Approval of the 2014 Meeting Schedule
 6. Approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2013 Council Meeting
 7. Approval of the minutes of the October 28, 2013 Council Work Session Meeting
- Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation from Mountain Island Charter School Day of Service

Mr. Ryan Swierszcz came before the Council to report on the Mountain Island Charter School Day of Service. He advised that the charter school is grades K-10 and the 975 are very focused on giving back to the community.

2. Presentation of Employee Service Awards

Mayor Hough recognized the City Employees that have reached milestones in their career with the City of Mount Holly including special recognition of Captain Andy Godfrey. Andy has been with the City for 35 years. Also the Mayor and Council presented City Attorney, Kemp Michael with a resolution recognizing him for 40 years of service with the City.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing regarding a request by Regional Developers, LLC to consider rezoning 20.59-acres of land, located at 210 Beatty Drive, Parcel ID #'s 209095, 184769 and 184771, from B-3 General Business South Gateway Overlay District to Conditional District Office/Manufacturing

Mr. Beal advised that this proposed property would be the corporate head quarters for Porters Fabrications. The company plans to employ 270 workers with a mix of office and manufacturing.

At this time, Councilman Gowen made a motion to enter into the public hearing. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Donnie Hicks

620 North Main Street

Belmont, NC

Mr. Hicks came before the Council to express his support for the proposed industry. He advised that Porters Fabrications has a very impressive customer list and will be an asset to Mount Holly and Gaston County.

Charles Saleh

Mr. Saleh is the owner of Porters Fabrications and came before the Council to provide information on their services, product and core values. He shared his a brief history of the company and advised that he would like to see the additional jobs come to this area.

Ken Hammond

Mr. Hammond advised that if the proposed rezoning request is approved it will be our corporate head quarters of Porters Fabrication. He advised that traffic was questioned at one of the public meetings. However all issues will be addressed.

Mark Kime

Mr. Kime commented on the land design and the environmental aspects of the proposed property.

With no one else signed up to speak, Councilman Bishop made a motion to return to regular session. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

At this time, Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the request by Regional Developers, LLC to consider rezoning 20.59-acres of land, located at 210 Beatty Drive, Parcel ID #'s 209095, 184769 and 184771, from B-3 General Business South Gateway Overlay District to Conditional District Office/Manufacturing with the recommended conditions. (Resolution #12913a) Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Approval of a request made by the Arnold Companies, to rezone a 10.9-acre tract of land, located at 1000 Marina Village Drive, identified as Tailrace Marina, Tax Parcel ID # 207541 from Conditional District Multifamily/Commercial, approved on April 12, 2010, to Conditional District Multifamily/Commercial, based on a new development plan

Mr. Beal advised that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request made by the Arnold Companies, to rezone a 10.9-acre tract of land, located at 1000 Marina Village Drive, identified as Tailrace Marina, Tax Parcel ID # 207541 from Conditional District Multifamily/Commercial, approved on April 12, 2010, to Conditional District Multifamily/Commercial, based on a new development. At this time, Councilman Hope made a motion to approve the request made by the

Arnold Companies, to rezone a 10.9-acre tract of land, located at 1000 Marina Village Drive, identified as Tailrace Marina, Tax Parcel ID # 207541 from Conditional District Multifamily/Commercial, approved on April 12, 2010, to Conditional District Multifamily/Commercial, based on a new development plan (resolution #12913b) and include the conditions as stated in the “Order Granting Conditional Use Rezoning” Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Appointments
Mayor Pro Tem—Councilman Perry Toomey
City Attorney—Kemp Michael
City Auditors—Martin and Starnes
City Clerk—Amy Miller
Tax Collector—Kim Sturgis
Finance Officer—Africa Otis
Assistant City Attorney—Marie Anders

At this time Mayor Hough advised that unbeknown to her, Marie Anders will be added to the list of appointments as the Assistant City Attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to approve the City appointments as listed above. Councilman Gowen seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Hough advised that the December 23rd work session meeting will be canceled.

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore made the motion to adjourn the December 9, 2013 Council Meeting. Councilman Bishop seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.